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Please explain to King Saud and other SAG officials that press had incomplete reports of plans for his visit to US and for this reason we have found it necessary to make following announcement from White House today. We would appreciate summary of statement which SAG releases.

QUOTE The King of Saudi Arabia, His Majesty Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud, has accepted the President's invitation to visit the United States. The King and his party will visit Washington January 30, 31, and February 1.

This visit is the first state visit of 1957, and marks the first time a reigning monarch of Saudi Arabia has visited the United States. The visit has been under consideration for several months. The President and the King are expected to discuss the many problems of the Near Eastern area which are of mutual interest to the two countries. UNQUOTE

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